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SUBJECT: CEMENT AND THE PORT OF LAGOS: THE PLOT
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1. CEMENT, PORT CONGESTION, AND LETTERS OF CREDIT
IMBROGLIO REMAINS AS REPORTED REFDEPTEL EXCEPT THAT
MORGAN GUARANTY REPORTS, AS OF NOVEMBER 10, THAT SECOND
LAW SUIT HAS BEEN FILED IN NEW YORK AGAINST CENTRAL
BANK OF NIGERIA AND AT LEAST ONE IS PENDING AGAINST A
CONTRACTOR.

2. ONE OF THE CONTRACTORS, GEORGE MORANDA OF FIRST
COLUMBIA CO., SAYS HE IS UNDER INTENSE PRESSURE FROM
NORWEGIAN SHIPPING COMPANY AND SPANISH SUPPLIER OF
CEMENT. HIS LAWYERS HAVE ADVISED FINAL ATTEMPT TO RE-
NEGOTIATE CONTRACT WITH NIGERIANS. (HE PLANS ARRIVE
LAGOS ON BRITISH CALEDONIAN FLIGHT EVENING OF NOVEMBER 20
RPT 20 AND WILL CONTACT EMBASSY FOLLOWING DAY.) IF THIS
ATTEMPT FAILS, HE CLAIMS FIRST COLUMBIA WILL BE FORCED
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TO BRING OWN SUIT AGAINST CBN.

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